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SUBJECT: KHMER IN THE 29TH GA - JAMAICA

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1. DCM CALLED ON GORDON WELLS, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NOVEMBER 12 IN AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY THE JAMAICAN POSITION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION AND RELATED ISSUES. DCM BEGAN BY EXPRESSING OUR GREAT SATISFACTION AT THE POSITIVE AND FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE OF PM MANLEY WITH RESPECT TO THE KHMER ISSUE IN THE COURSE OF HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GERARD ON NOVEMBER 7. HE ASKED HOW THE PM'S ATTITUDE WAS LIKELY TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTIONS AT THE 29TH UNGA. WELLS, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE NOVEMBER 7 MEETING, FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED THE PM'S DESIRE TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE ON THE KHMER ISSUE, BUT INDICATED THAT MANLEY WAS NOT CURRENT WITH ALL OF JAMAICA'S COMMITMENTS OR PREVIOUS POSITIONS TAKEN IN THE UN WHICH MIGHT LIMIT JAMAICA'S FLEXIBILITY AT THE MOMENT. A LENGTHY DISCUSSION LED TO THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

A. ASEAN RESOLUTION. THE GOJ HAS NOT REACHED A FINAL DECISION ON WHICH WAY IT WILL VOTE ON THE ASEAN RESOLUTION. IT DOES NOT REGARD THE RESOLUTION AS BEING PARTICULARLY CONTROVERSIAL, THOUGH IT WOULD FIND THE RESOLUTION EASIER
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TO SUPPORT IF IT DID CONTAIN LANGUAGE STRENGTHENING THE

ROLE OF THE UNSYG. WELLS SAID THAT THE GOJ WOULD DEFINITELY NOT REPEAT NOT VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AND HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF A FAVORABLE VOTE. HE INDICATED THAT THE MOST LIKELY OUTCOME WAS A JAMAICAN ABSTENTION. THE DCM REMINDED WELLS THAT MANLEY HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A FAVORABLE VOTE ON THE ASEAN RESOLUTION IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR GERARD, AND REPEATED THE STRONGER SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS FAVORING THE RESOLUTION. WELLS ONCE AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGED THE PM'S DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL BUT SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT IT HAD CONSTITUTED A CLEAR COMMITMENT. HE NOTED ONCE AGAIN THE VARIOUS ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION AND SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW THE GOJ'S DECISION AS SOON AS IT WAS REACHED.

B. THE GRUNK RESOLUTION. WELLS SAID THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD JAMAICA SUPPORT OR VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE GRUNK RESOLUTION AND IT WAS ALMOST AS UNLIKELY TO VOTE AGAINST IT. HENCE THE GOJ IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO ABSTAIN ON THE ISSUE. THIS IS A FINAL DECISION BARRING TOTALLY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARISING.

C. PRIORITRY FOR THE ASEAN RESOLUTION. WELLS SAID THE GOJ HAD NOT REACHED A FINAL DECISION ON THE PRIORITY ISSUE, BUT WAS INCLINED IN A NEGATIVE DIRECTION NOT BECAUSE IT WAS OPPOSED TO THE SUBSTANCES OF THE RESOLUTION OR FAVORABLE TO THE GRUNK RESOLUTION, BUT BECAUSE PRIORITY VIOLATED NORMAL UN PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES. DCM POINTED OUT THAT SEAN RESOLUTION, TOWARD WHICH JAMAICA WAS FAVORABLY INCLINED, PREEMPTED BOTH THE GRUNK RESOLUTION AND (POSSIBLY) THE CREDENTIALS ISSUE, AND ITS PASSAGE ON A PRIORITY BASIS WOULD SAVE THE GOJ THE DIFFICULTY OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES. WELLS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS WAS AN ARGUMENT FAVORING PRIORITY FOR THE ASEAN RESOLUTION, BUT CONTINUED TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE PRECEDENT IT WOULD ESTABLISH. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH JAMAICA'S UN DELEGATION AND LET US KNOW WHEN A DECISION WAS MADE.

D. THE CREDENTIALS ISSUE. SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTEDLY, WELLS SAID THAT THE GOJ MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A
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CHALLENGE TO KHMER CREDENTIALS EITHER IN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OR IN THE PLENARY WHEN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THIS WAS ONLY PARTLY DUE TO COMMITMENTS TO OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN THE COURSE OF THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE LAST YEAR. THE MAIN REASON WAS THAT JAMAICA SUPPORTED A SIMILAR CHALLENGE IN THE 28TH UNGA AND TO ABSTAIN OR OPPOSE AT THIS POINT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT. DCM POINTEDOUT THAT THERE WERE

PROBLEMS OF CONSISTENCY IN OTHER DIRECTIONS AS WELL, AND THAT THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY A CONTRADICTION IN A SERIES OF POSITIVE VOTES OR ABSTENTIONS BY JAMAICA ON THE PRIORITY ISSUE AND THE ASEAN AND GRUNK RESOLUTIONS WHICH OPENLY FAVORED OR TENDED TO SUPPORT THE STATUS QUO, FOLLOWED BY A POSITION ON A CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE WHICH TENDED TO SUPPORT RADICAL CHANGE. WELLS RESPONDED THAT JAMAICA WAS IN A DILEMMA IF THERE SHOULD BE A CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE AND HE HOPED THERE WOULDN'T. NEVERTHELESS, HE WOULD DO SOME THINKING ON WHAT THE GOJ MIGHT DO SHOULD A CHALLENGE MATERIALIZE.

2. AS AN ASIDE IN THE COURSE OF THE ABOVE CONVERSATION WELLS REPORTED THAT THE GOJ WAS UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM SUPPORTERS OF THEGRUNK WHO TENDED TO LINK THEIR SUPPORT FOR KINGSTON AS THE SITE OF THE SEABEDS AUTHORITY TO JAMAICAN SUPORT FOR THE GRUNK. DCM REMINDED WELLS THAT USG HADPRIVATELY INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR KINGSTON AS SEABED SITE WHEN THE TIME CAME WITHOUT ATTACHING ANY STRINGS WHATSOEVER. HE SAID WE HAD NO INTENTION OF LINKING THE TWO ISSUES, BUT NOTED THAT THE KHMERISSUE WAS ONE TO WHICH WE ATTACHED AS MUCH IMPORTANCE AS THE JAMAICANS DID TO THE SITE OF THE SEABEDS AUTHORITY.

3. IN CLOSING WELLS SAID THAT, WHILE THE GOJ CONTINUED TO HAVE PROBLEMS ON ONE KIND OR ANOTHER WITH THE KHMER ISSUE, IT HAD COME AN ENORMOUS DISTANCE FROMITS POSITION OF A YEAR AGO. HE SAID FIRMLY THAT JAMAICA'S ABSENCE DURING THE KEY VOTE LAST YEAR REALLY HAD BEEN ACCIDENTAL AND UNPLANNED AND WAS NOT A "POCKET ABSENTION". HAD THE JAMAICAN DELEGATE BEEN PRESENT AT THE VOTE, WELLS CLAIMED HE WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED THE GRUNK.

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4. COMMENT: WELLS WAS OBVIOUSLY DISCOMFITED BY THE FORTHCOMINGNESS OF THE PM IN HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GERARD AND HE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE CAUTIOUS EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT. NONETHELESS, THE JAMAICAN POSITION HAS MOVED A SUBSTANTIAL DISTANCE IN THE PAST YEAR, AND IF THE GOJ CAN BE HELD TO THE SPIRIT OF MANLEY'S COMMITMENTS TO AMBASSADOR GERARD, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE IT FURTHER IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO REMIND MANLEY OF HIS COMMITMENTS AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY AND STRENGTHEN THEM IF POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE PARALLEL APPROACHES BY SPONSORS OF THE ASEAN RESOLUTION SND OTHER FRIENDS BOTH IN KINGSTON AND NEW YORK COULD BE VERY HELPFUL. GERARD

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